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HIS MAIESTIES FIRST DECLARATION

To the *Knights*, *Gentlemen*, *Free-holders*, and all other the Inhabitants in the Countie of YORKE.

WE would have you to be assured, that Our love, aswell as Our protection, is equally extending to all Our loving and loyall Subjects: But for you of this Countie, as you are a great Body, so time and conveniency must be observed in your Assembling.

That you may know the generall Reasons of Our being here, you must understand, That when We found it neither safe nor honourable to expose Our Person to the tumultuous and licentious proceedings of many (which to this day are unpunished) who did disorderly approach neare Our Court at White-Hall, We trusted this part of Our Dominions chiefly to reside in; where, as most of the Gentry already

have, so We assure Our selves the rest of you will give Us cleare testimony of your service and obedience, which We will never use otherwise, then for the defence of the true Orthodox Religion, professed and setled in Queene Elizabeths time, and confirmed by the Authority of the Statute of this Realme, the defence of the Lawes and fundamentall Constitutions of this Kingdome (as the justest Measure and Rule for Our Prerogative, and your Liberties and Rights) and lastly, for the preservation of the Peace of this Kingdome.

As for Our owne Zeale to the Protestant Profession, We refer all the world to Our daily exercise of, and Our Declarations concerning it, and execution of the Lawes against the Papists; so likewise We cannot but declare Our selfe most heartily sorry to finde such Separatists and Schismaticks, who presume, against Law, to foment new Doctrines and Disciplines to the disturbance of Church and State.

For the Law, it being the common inheritance of Our people, We shall never enforce any Prerogative of Ours beyond it, but submit Our selfe to it, and give you and all Our subjects the fullest latitude of it, both for the liberty of your persons, and the propriety of your estates. And for an inviolable confidence and assurance hereof, as we take God (the Searcher of all hearts) to witnesse Our reall intention herein, so We shall no longer desire you to stand for the defence of Our Person, Honour, and just Prerogatives, then We shall maintaine the Lawes of the Land, the liberty of your Persons, and the propriety of your Goods.

And for the cleare understanding of Our Resolutions to maintaine Peace, We may have the confidence and happinesse to referre (against all malignity whatsoever) to Our former sixtæne yeares Reigne; (too long to dissemble Our Nature) if in all this time We never caused the effusion of one drop of bloud, it must næds be thought, that in our riper judgement in Government, We should never open such Issues as might drowne Us, and Our Posterity in them: But We are sure to have no enemies, but in the defence of the true Protestant Profession, the Right of the established Lawes, and for the preservation of

peace:

peace: and certainly all these must be all yours, aswell as Our enemies.

And to the end that this present posture wherein We meet, should not affright you with the distempers of the times, the example of the two Houses having made Us prepare for a Guard to Us and Our Childrens persons, We wish you to looke into the Composition and Constitution of it, and you will finde it so farre from the face or feare of Warre, that it serves to secure you, as well as Us, from it; For Our Choice is of the prime Gentry, and of one Regiment of Our Trained Bands, which cannot be thought to oppresse the Countrey (being their owne) nor warre with themselves. And We further assure you, We never intended to use Forreigners, or disaffected in Religion: and that you may fully assure your selves of Our sole dependency upon the love and service of Our owne people, to live and die with them, We have armed these Our Subjects; which had bin most irrationall, if we had ever intended to have used Strangers. And further, you may perceive, that We receive none, but such as stand cleare in Loyalty and Religion, for which reason We have caused the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy to be given them. Likewise, to prevent any distempers at home, We have, and shall put the Trained Bands of all this our Kingdome under the command of persons of honour, confidence, and affection to their Countrey; straitly charging, upon their Allegiance, no Officer to accept any command in them, nor Souldiers to obey any, save such as are authorized by Us. And for the prevention of any innovated power over you, you shall have Us here to governe you, and the Souldiery to protect you in peace, and to relieve you against all oppressions; for that, as We have told you before, must arise from some great violation (which We hope God will prevent) and not from this preparation of Our Subjects. Therefore let none of you be affrighted with vaine feares; if such a warre should follow, it followes the Authors home to their owne doores; and such (by the confidence of Our Person with you) We assure Our selfe you are not.

Here we had left you to your fidelity and duty, had not some

malicious insolence in Our former meetings sent forth most presumptuous Summons, deceiving Our people, and presuming upon Our Royall Authority; and these present themselves as great defenders of Religion, Peace, and Liberty; whereas they become infectious, and contagious to the people, seducing them into vaine fancies and delusions, as may appeare by their Warrants, which We could trace to some Pulpits, as We are credibly informed: And you see it were just in Us, to punish these as Authors of sedition, but that it would be too great a favour, for it would honour them with the Title of Martyrdome, for Gods cause, as they vainly pretend. But you may now see from whence this Spirit comes, that would make Us to be in the Act of destruction of Religion, Our Person a disturber of the Peace, and ready to introduce Slavery. These here are all the forraigne Forces We have, or ever shall intend to have, to act these great designes, notwithstanding the vaine feares hitherto imagined. So that you see it is high time that these fancies were dispersed and driven away, that We might be repaired in Honour and Interest, and you enjoy the blessing of Peace and Happinesse, the advancement whereof shall be Our study and comfort: and therefore We shall (when you shall thinke it convenient time) ease you in the number of the Trained Bands: And for your Billet-Money, it had beene long since paid, but that no part of the Subsidies (which We passed for that purpose) came to Our hands: and We shall not be wanting in any thing that lieth in Us for the full satisfaction thereof: And shall make Our Grace and Bounty to you, answerable to your best fidelity and loyalty, as occasion shall be offered to Us.

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HIS MAIESTIES SECOND DECLARATION

To the Lords, and other his MAIESTIES *Privie Councell, attending his* Majestie *at* YORKE : *together with their promise thereupon by them subscribed.*

CHARLES R.

WE do Declare, That We will not require, nor exact any Obedience from you, but what shall be Warranted by the knowne Law of the Land; as We do expect, That you shall not yeeld to any Commands not legally grounded, or imposed by any other.

And We do further Declare, That We will Defend every one of you, and all such as shall refuse any such Commands, whether they proceed from Votes and Orders of both Houses, or any other way, from all Dangers, and Hazards whatsoever.

And We do further Declare, That We will Defend the true Protestant Religion established by the Law of the Land, the lawfull Liberties of the Subjects of England, and just Priviledges of all the three Estates of Parliament: and shall require no further Obedience from you, than as accordingly We shall performe the same.

And We do Declare, That We will not (as is falsely pretended) engage you, or any of you, in any War against the Parliament, except it be for our necessary defence and safety against such as do insolently invade, or attempt against Us, or such as shall adhere to Us.

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The Promiſe of the ſaid Lords, and others.

WE do engage our ſelves, Not to obey any Orders, or Commands whatſoever, not warranted by the knowne Lawes of the Land.

We do engage our ſelves, to defend Your Majeſties Perſon, Crowne, and Dignity, together with Your Majeſties juſt, and Legall Prerogative, againſt all perſons and power whatſoever.

We will defend the true Proteſtant Religion, eſtabliſhed by the Law of the Land, The lawfull Liberties of the Subject of England, and juſt Priviledges of Your Majeſty, and both Your Houſes of Parliament.

And laſtly, we engage our ſelves, not to obey any Rule, Order, or Ordinance whatſoever concerning any *Militia*, that hath not the Royall Aſſent.

Subſcribed by

Lord *Keeper*,
L. *D.* of *Richmond*,
L. M. *Hertford*,
Earle of *Lindſey*,
E. of *Cumberland*,
E. of *Huntingdon*,
E. of *Bath*,
E. of *Southampton*,
E. of *Dorſet*,
E. of *Salisbury*,
E. of *Northampton*,
E. of *Devonſhire*,
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E. of *Briſtoll*,
E. of *Weſtmerland*,
E. of *Barkſhire*,
E. of *Monmouth*,
E. of *Rivers*,
E. of *Newcaſtle*,
E. of *Dover*,
E of *Carnarvan*.
E. of *Newport*,
L. *Maubry* & *Matravers*,
L. *Willoughby* of *Eresby*,
L. *Rich*,
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L. *Newarke*,
L. *Paget*,
L. *Chandos*,
L. *Faucombridge*,
L. *Paulet*,
L. *Lovelace*,
L. *Savile*,
L. *Coventry*,
L. *Mohun*.
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L. *Seymour*,
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